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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP REGARDING A PROPOSED NEW DIESEL PARTICULATE MATTER CONTROL MEASURE FOR ON-ROAD HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES OWNED OR OPERATED BY PUBLIC AGENCIES AND UTILITY COMPANIES

Background: In August 1998, the Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) identified particulate matter (PM) exhaust from diesel-fueled engines as a toxic air contaminant. Following that determination, the ARB developed the *Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles*, which was approved by the Board in September 2000. This plan identified a number of air toxic control measures to reduce public exposure to diesel PM, including the use of emission control devices or strategies on in-use engines.

Beginning in 2000, the Board has adopted several diesel PM control measures, including measures for urban buses, solid waste collection vehicles, stationary engines, portable engines, and transportation refrigeration units on trucks. For more information about these items, you may access ARB's website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/dieselrrp.htm>.

Workshop: ARB has previously conducted workshops on this item on April 3, 2003, December 2-3, 2003, and May 17-18, 2004. The ARB staff has reviewed the comments received and, in some cases, incorporated suggested changes to the proposed regulations. The most current draft of the proposal will be posted on the website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/publicfleets/publicfleets.htm>.

The following dates and times have been scheduled to provide an overview of the revised draft regulations and receive public comments. For those unable to attend these meetings, a live Internet audio broadcast will be available. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the Friday, October 8th workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. Please note that a workshop for "Proposed Modifications to the Fleet Rule for Transit Agencies" will be held on the same dates listed below from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. Municipalities that also operate transit fleets are encouraged to stay for the afternoon workshop.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Date: Thursday, October 7, 2004
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731

Date: Friday, October 8, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Cal EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Staff encourages comments regarding this proposed on-road heavy-duty municipal and utility fleets rule and would appreciate receiving written comments by October 26, 2004. Timely submittal of comments allows staff time to address comments before the proposed regulation order is submitted to the Board for consideration in late 2004. Please send your comments to Ms. Sharon Lemieux, Staff Engineer, by email at sclemieu@arb.ca.gov and copy Dr. Nancy L.C. Steele, Manager, by email at nsteele@arb.ca.gov, or by mail attention Ms. Sharon Lemieux, ARB, 9480 Telstar Avenue, Suite 4, El Monte California 91731.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, or have any questions or comments regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Neidy Pinuelas, Branch Secretary, Heavy Duty Diesel In-Use Strategies Branch, at npinuela@arb.ca.gov or (626) 350-6454, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

Sincerely,

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